

## House Resolution 115 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 115

BY GRASSLEY

1 A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Wartburg  
2 College men's wrestling team on winning the 2026  
3 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III  
4 men's wrestling national championship.

5 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2026, the Wartburg College  
6 Knights men's wrestling team captured the National  
7 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III  
8 national championship at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse  
9 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and

10 WHEREAS, this victory marks the 17th national title  
11 in the storied history of the Wartburg wrestling  
12 program, further solidifying its status as the  
13 winningest program in NCAA Division III history; and

14 WHEREAS, the Knights demonstrated overwhelming  
15 dominance by finishing with 110.0 team points, a  
16 staggering 42 points ahead of the national runner-up;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, individual excellence was highlighted by  
19 freshman Kade Blume (141 lbs.) and senior Kasey  
20 Ross (184 lbs.), who each claimed individual national  
21 championships; and

22 WHEREAS, the Knights' success was a total team  
23 effort, with seven student athletes earning All-American  
24 honors, including national runner-up Mitchell Williamson  
25 (285 lbs.), third-place finisher Charlie Dojan (157  
26 lbs.), fifth-place finisher Patrick Mullen (133 lbs.),  
27 and seventh-place finishers Brett Birchman (125 lbs.)  
28 and Cal Dorota (197 lbs.); and Caleb Olson and Mike

1 Slade contributing to the point total as well; and

2 WHEREAS, head coach Eric Keller was justly named the  
3 NCAA Division III Tournament Coach of the Year, and the  
4 Knights' coaching staff was recognized as the Tournament  
5 Coaching Staff of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, the team's success on the national stage  
7 brings great pride not only to the Wartburg College  
8 community and the city of Waverly but to the entire  
9 state of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
11 That the House of Representatives congratulates the  
12 Wartburg College men's wrestling team, head coach Eric  
13 Keller, and the entire coaching staff on their 2026  
14 NCAA Division III national championship and honors their  
15 commitment to athletic and academic excellence; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon adoption of  
17 this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the House of  
18 Representatives shall prepare an official copy of this  
19 resolution for presentation to Coach Eric Keller and the  
20 members of the Wartburg College men's wrestling team.